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City of Barrie

Final

Communities in Bloom Committee

Thursday, April 21, 2022 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on May 3, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, K. Bagnell at 4:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - K. Bagnell
Councillor A. Kungl
A. VanderWerf
D. Brooke-Bagnell
D. Ramsay

Absent: 1 - J. Brady

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Park and Forestry Program Coordinator, S. Wideman
Parks Horticulture Foreperson, M. Boyd.

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

BARRIE ADVENTURE RECREATION TRAIL

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

SOUTHSHORE CENTRE - DIGITAL SIGN

The Committee discussed that the 2022 Year of the Garden is now showing on the Southshore Community Centre's digital sign for all passersby to see.

POLLINATE BARRIE - GREEN SPACE PLANTING

Stephanie Wideman, Parks and Forestry Program Coordinator provided a presentation on the City of Barrie, Parks and Planning Nature-Based Community Outreach and Programming.

Ms. Wideman provided some background on herself and discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Barrie was designated as a Bee City on June 24, 2019;
- The three pillars of Bee City Barrie during COVID;
- Upcoming projects in the realm of environmental outreach;
- Urban Foodscapes and community gardens;
- Nature-based programming, such as gardening through community gardens;
- Supporting climate change with the Climate Action Celebration Garden;
- The Edible Celebration Garden and the health benefits of growing your own fruits and vegetables;
- Making a difference with Native Plant Celebration Gardens; and
- The 2022 Native Plant of the Year.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Ms. Wideman and received responses.

BUS STOP ROOF TOP GARDENS

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the roof top pollinator gardens, infrastructure around the City, retrofitting new and current bus stops, educating the community for a better understanding of the roof top pollinator gardens, as well as how to act where there are bees and wasps.

Ms. Wideman shared that the Bee City's website has information concerning behaviours around bees and wasps. She discussed highlighting the green infrastructure and replacing previously removed green space to promote the pollinator gardens.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

CHAIRMAN